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SUBJECT: PHYSICAL SECURITY AT CERCA NUCLEAR FACILITY

1. DURING US PHYSICAL SECURITY TEAM'S VISIT TO FRANCE IN APRIL 1976, FRENCH NUCLEAR SAFETY INSTITUTE DIRECTOR FOR PHYSICAL SECURITY CESAR NOTED THAT THE CERCA PHYSICAL SECURITY PROGRAM WAS IN NEED OF UPGRADING. THE US TEAM INFORMALLY SUGGESTED THAT IMMEDIATE ACTIONS TO ACHIEVE THIS UPGRADING COULD INCLUDE:

- A. UPGRADING SECURITY IN THE MANUFACTURING BUILDING FOR INTERMEDIATE AND IN PROCESS STORAGE.

- B. UPGRADING SECURITY AT THE MAIN STORAGE ROOM TO
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AVOID ONE PERSON (WATCHMAN) HAVING ACCESS TO ALL KEYS FOR

ENTRY.

- C. DUPLICATING ALARM POINTS AND COMMUNICATIONS TO RESPONSE FORCES.

- D. INCREASING PROTECTION FOR THE MAIN GUARD POST.

- E. IMPROVING COMMUNICATIONS AMONG THE WATCH FORCE.

- F. INSTALLING PROCEDURES AND EQUIPMENT TO ENHANCE DETECTION OF INSIDER DIVERSION.

- G. HAVING CERCA DESIGNATED AS A "SENSITIVE FACILITY" IN THE NATIONAL SECURITY PROGRAM.

2. THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION CURRENTLY HAS UNDER CONSIDERATION A LICENSE APPLICATION FOR THE EXPORT OF HIGH ENRICHED URANIUM TO THE SWEDISH R2 STUDSVIK RESEARCH REACTOR. APPLICATION NOTES THAT HIGH ENRICHED URANIUM TO BE CONVERTED AT NUKEM AND MANUFACTURED INTO FUEL ELEMENTS AT CERCA.

3. TO ASSIST IN THE REVIEW OF THIS LICENSE APPLICATION, PLEASE PROVIDE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE (A) CURRENT STATUS OF PHYSICAL SECURITY MEASURES AT CERCA OR, SPECIFICALLY, WHAT ACTIONS HAVE BEEN TAKEN TO UPGRADE PROGRAMS SINCE VISIT, AND (B) WHAT FURTHER ACTIONS ARE SCHEDULED TO BE TAKEN AND WHEN WILL THEY BE COMPLETED. ROBINSON

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